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WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, the Court entered a Stipulation Continuing Stay of Proceedings Pending Potential Alternative Dispute Resolution (Second Request) (the "Second Stay Order") [ECF Nos. 80 & 81]. That order stayed this action for a period of sixty-one (61) days;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2023, the Court entered a Stipulation Continuing Stay of Proceedings Pending Potential Alternative Dispute Resolution (Third Request) (the "Third Stay Order") [ECF Nos. 87 & 88]. That order stayed this action for a period of seventy (70) days;

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2024, the seventy (70) day period set forth in the Third Stay Order expired;

WHEREAS, the parties assert that they need additional time to continue discussing the potential for alternative dispute resolution in this matter, including exploring the use of a mediator;

WHEREAS, the parties believe that a stay of this action for an additional period of no more than ninety-one (91) days following the expiration of the Third Stay Order on January 15, 2024 is appropriate and necessary to facilitate those further discussions and is in the interest of judicial economy and conservation of resources. This is the fourth such request;

WHEREAS, the Court is agreeable to granting a final stay and finds that there is sufficient cause for a stay;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action shall be stayed for a period of ninety-one (91) days from January 15, 2024 until April 15, 2024. No further extension will be granted without a personal hearing before the Court and a showing of good cause for further delay.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter is hereby referred to United States Magistrate Judge Robert A. McQuaid, Jr. for the purpose of conducting a virtual settlement conference, as the parties have expressed an interest in mediation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 19th day of January, 2024.

LARRY R. HICKS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE